

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW SOON TO MARRY.

The Popular United States Senator to Wed Miss May P. Palmer in London, England.



MISS MAY PALMER.

The wedding of Chauncey Depew and Miss May Palmer is scheduled to take place November 18th. The ceremony will be performed in London, England.

TRAMP TOOK MEAL AT HOTEL NORMANDIE

Let the House Treat Him and Then Went to Jail.

ELEPHANT'S ANCESTRY.

A Good Story by Ochiltree—Jay Gould's Revenge—Matrimonial Advertising in Japan—No Use for Art.

A Discouraging Experience.

Dr. William Wilberforce Baldwin, the American physician who was consulted by the late Queen Victoria and has been consulted by the Pope and a host of other folk only a little less famous, likes to tell how he was received by his first titled patient. Young and quite unknown and fresh from hard study in Germany he had opened an office in Florence, Italy. For a long time he had no patients of any consequence, but soon reports of the Yankee doctor's skill began to get abroad. They came to the ears of Hon. Mrs. Palmer, an English woman, who was very old, very rich, very eccentric and very much of an invalid. She lived all alone with her servants in a big old palace, and here she summoned the young American. He came and was ushered into her room. It was a big, musty apartment and at the far end he discerned a large four-poster. His feet clicked painfully on the tiled floor as he set out toward it. When he approached the curtains were thrust aside and an elaborate and most stately nightcap appeared, while its owner demanded shrilly:

"Well, young man, what are you doing here?"

"I am Dr. Baldwin," he replied.

"The nightcap was greatly agitated while the old lady seemed to be struggling for words."

"You Dr. Baldwin?" she asked incredulously.

"Yes."

"Good Lord! What an infant!" New York Times.

One of Ochiltree's Stories.

"It was always a mystery to their mutual friends why Governor Tilden and Governor Dorsheimer were such close friends," says the New York Times. The irrepressible Tom Ochiltree tells a story in elucidation, which he naively attributes to his close friend, Henry Watterson. Here is the story:

"In the library in Tilden's mansion, in Gramercy Park, stood a marble bust, a replica of Canova's Napoleon I.—It may have been the original, come to think of it."

"One day, passing the bust, with Mr. Tilden characteristically leaning on his arm and whispering into his attentive ear, Governor Dorsheimer stopped and admiringly exclaimed:

"What a splendid work! A masterpiece! The most speaking, living marble I have ever seen!"

And he looked down on Mr. Tilden convincingly, asking:

"Who is the sculptor?"

"Why, that is not me—it is Napoleon!" replied Mr. Tilden, in evident pleasure and pride, adding, "It does look like me, doesn't it?"

"Would be taken for you anywhere and by everyone," responded Mr. Dorsheimer, who knew so well how to excite the vanity of his host—one of his most marked characteristics, by the way.

"After that," continued the genial Thomas from Texas, "Dorsheimer stood high in Tilden's esteem. And you can easily believe one of those famous John-anisburghs was opened—That which sold at his estate sale at \$75 per bottle."

Colonel Ochiltree continues: "Dorsheimer could not keep the story to himself and told it to Henry Watterson. So the next time that Watterson called on the

Sage of Gramercy Park, as the papers used then to call Mr. Tilden, he tried the same game; but it didn't work so far as opening of the bottle was concerned, for the old gentleman merely observed: "Oh, that is a frequent mistake. I have made originally by Dorsheimer. I will admit that I bear a striking resemblance to the great Napoleon, but anybody can recognize that bust as his."

Gould's Revenge.

"The story from San Francisco that Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan placed a financial value on the minutes of his time and charged an applicant for an interview of two minutes recalls that favorite expression of the late Jay Gould that his time during working hours was worth to him \$20 a minute," says the New York Times. "He would never wait for a delinquent appointment. Once the late Henry N. Smith was several minutes late in keeping an appointment with Mr. Gould in his Fifth-Avenue residence, by reason, he alleged, of a block in the street that impeded the progress of his cab."

"I consider," tartly observed Mr. Gould, "that you owe me \$200 for two minutes' lost time, as in that period I could have signed this batch of letters."

"I'll match you, heads or tails—whether I owe you double the amount or nothing."

"I don't believe in gambling!"—"With horses or cards you mean," interposed the genial and sporty Henry N. Smith, who was even then beginning to dream of the stock farm in New Jersey he subsequently owned. He added, "Come—heads or tails."

"Heads," said Mr. Gould slowly, watching the half-dollar silver piece turned in the air by Mr. Smith, describe a parabolic curve and fall on the rug at his feet in the little hall reception-room where he always received his visitors.

"Tails," shouted Smith, kneeling and carefully inspecting the upturned face of the coin. "Tails," he repeated with almost childish glee.

"Heads," said Mr. Gould, looking at the selected therefrom four one hundred-dollar bills and placed them in the extended palm of the visitor.

"I'm leaving," Mr. Gould naively gave Mr. Smith a "point" for a quick turn in the market the next morning, by which Smith lost, before he put his stop order, some \$200,000, whereupon he sought an interview with the great financier.

"I guess I got tails this time," dryly observed Mr. Gould as Mr. Smith finished his tale of woe. He added: "Let me see, what was it you said, Henry? Ah, yes, double or quits."

"I am satisfied," shouted Smith, rushing from him to tell the story to the crowd at Del's.

Literary Criticism Made Easy.

The New York Evening Sun's literary critic has hit upon a new method of book reviewing. He says:

"Mr. Irving Bache's 'Dri and I' reminds us of a story."

"Once upon a time a little girl was allowed to take dinner with her elders for the first time. She had never tasted asparagus, and when some was placed before her she inspected it with considerable curiosity. After turning the stalks over gingerly with her fork she pushed the plate away with a decided air. When asked what was the matter, she replied: 'I don't like it. One end of it is raw and the other end rotten.'"

The best thing about this style of criticism is the ease with which it can be

applied. All one has to do with the average historical novel is to change the introduction and permit the little girl to tell the rest.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Matrimonial Advertising in Japan.

"I am a beautiful woman. My abundant undulating hair envelopes me as a cloud. I have a willow in my waist. Soft and brilliant is my visage as the satin of the flowers. I am endowed with wealth sufficient to saunter through life hand in hand with my beloved. Were I to meet a prince, I would be kind, intelligent, well educated and of good taste. I would unite myself with him for life, and later share with him the pleasure of being laid to rest eternal in a tomb of pink marble."—Tokyo Nippon.

No Use for Art.

The bridge builder with Stonewall Jackson's army was a rare character if the following story be true:

The Union soldiers, retreating from the Valley of Virginia, burned a bridge over the Shenandoah.

Jackson, who wanted to pursue, sent for his bridge builder. "Sir," he said, "you must keep men at work all day and all night and finish that bridge by tomorrow morning. My engineer shall give you a plan."

Old Miles saluted and withdrew.

Early the next morning the General sent for Miles again. "Well, sir," said Jackson, "did the engineer give you the plan for the bridge?"

"General," said the old man slowly, "the bridge is done; I don't know whether the picture is or not."—The Herald and Presby.

He Let the House Treat Him.

"Dinner was in full swing at the Hotel Normandy, at Broadway and Thirty-eighth Streets, Wednesday evening, says the New York Tribune, 'when a somewhat poorly-clad man verging toward thirty years of age entered the dining room and after surveying the apartment for an instant selected a table near the window and took up a menu card. The waiter whose business it was to serve that particular table eyed him a bit doubtfully, but the man's assurance overcame him. Besides, reflected the waiter, he may be an eccentric millionaire. So he cheerfully approached the incongruous guest."

"Ah—waiter," said the latter suavely, running his eye carelessly over the card, "bring me, if you please, a Martini cocktail composed of Plymouth gin and the other customary ingredients. And then you may bring me some Blue points and—ah—some consomme. Julianne—these heavy soups disturb my delicate digestion."

"Yessir," said the waiter, all his fears dispelled.

"And—ah—while you are about it you may bring me next," went on the eccentric guest, "a filet mignon, larded with mushrooms, and be sure that it is tender, very tender. Some potatoes, French fries and—oh—celery. That will be all for the present."

"The order was filled as given, and when the filet arrived the guest ordered a quart of champagne. A second quart followed the first. Then a 50-cent cigar was demanded, the waiter, however, leaving back in his chair with a sigh of content, beckoned lazily to the attentive waiter and remarked languidly:

"An' now, m' good feller, he s' good 's U bring me a Queen Anne roof."

"What a Queen Anne roof, sir?" ejaculated the waiter helplessly.

"But the happy guest had forgotten all terrestrial things, lost in a sea of contentment and champagne. The waiter ventured to put one hand on his shoulder and requested:

"What's a Queen Anne roof, sir, if you please?"

"H'm? What?" murmured the epicure, returning reluctantly to his surroundings.

"What a Queen Anne roof, sir? The son of luxury grinned gardonically.

"It's on th' house," he said.

"It was, too, and so was everything else, amounting to a total of \$12.40. A policeman took the incriminating card to the West Thirtieth-Street Station, where he said that he had no money and was James Hardy, of No. 223 East Fourteenth Street. It was a most excellent dinner, he said. Upon my word," he added, "I think th' hotel 's to be con—con—gratulated."

"Ah, shut up," snarled the sergeant as they led Harvey to a cell."

The Elephant's Ancestry.

Where did the elephant get his trunk? A satisfactory answer to this venerable conundrum is at last forthcoming. Among the thirty-eight boxes of fossil remains just received at the Cromwell Road Museum from the Libyan Desert there has been discovered an interesting vertebrate, which is considered by Dr. Andrews to be the original ancestor from which developed the ancient mammoth and the modern elephant. It is proved to be accurate it will settle the controversy as to the origin of the proboscidean mammals, which has long puzzled the paleontologists.—London Chronicle.

Cleveland as a Humorist.

People who regard former President Cleveland as a man of sober, heavy and ponderous mind will be surprised to read his latest contribution to periodical literature. In the last number of an Eastern magazine the only living ex-President makes his first appearance on any stage as a humorist in a delightful article, entitled "A Defense of Fishermen."

One does not need to be a charter member of the brotherhood of Izak Walton to thoroughly enjoy it. It is true that Mr. Cleveland's humor is somewhat elephantine in character, but at the same time it is really humor. As his state papers were remarkable for the many formidable and stately phrases which they contained, so in this article Mr. Cleveland grows playful in ponderous polysyllables, and much of the amusement with which it will be read will be due to the fact that it irresistibly suggests his messages to Congress and his proclamations. The whole article is full of a certain indescribable dignity of phrase and touch. It is illustrated with photographs, which show Mr. Cleveland in fishing costume actively engaged in adjusting his fly and just after he has lost a big "strike." People who love to follow the trail along the brook or to cast for a black bass along the edgy shores of the lake will be especially pleased with the paper. And if such an office as Chief Defender of the Faith of Fishermen were in existence they would unanimously choose its author to fill it.—Chicago Tribune.

Hard to Fight Combine.

A special meeting of the shareholders and debenture holders in Odgens (Limited) was held at Liverpool.

Mr. W. Odgens, the chairman of Odgens, who presided over the meeting at the company's offices, related the offer made by the American Tobacco Company and the terms proposed, and what was said by the shareholders upon fair and reasonable lines or to confront, with the greatest anxiety, American competition.

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